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Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture  
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I am very concerned that my family is eating genetically engineered foods without being told that fact. I am writing to ask you to place an immediate moratorium on the planting of all genetically engineered crops. I am also requesting that your agency stop approving new genetically altered foods until sufficient study has been completed to determine their safety.

The American people have been slow to react to the threats of these genetic advances. The Europeans call these foods 'Frankenstein foods'. We do not know anything about the effects on humans, wildlife and insects of these bio-engineered crops. Recent studies show that beneficial insects who eat pests reared on genetically engineered crops have a higher mortality rate, delayed development, and more reproductive problems compared with insects who ate pests reared on conventionally grown crops. Corn that has been genetically engineered to produce the insecticide Bt kills Monarch butterflies. We do not know what the risks may be to humans. I do not want to eat genetically engineered foods that contain the Bt toxin. Nor do I want to eat "Roundup Ready" soybeans or other future products such as tomatoes that contain fish genes.

Prince Charles has taken a stand against genetically engineered foods, saying that he would not eat them or serve them to his family or guests. He denounces "the use of technology that takes mankind into the realms that belonged to God". I also believe that it is folly to try to play God.

Please write back to me and let me know if you intend to call an immediate moratorium on genetically engineered crops.

Sincerely,

  
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